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TOUSI 125 REPORTED THIS MORNING'S MEDIA COMMENT ON PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND QUOTATIONS TELETYPE AS REQUESTED USITC 253. THIS AFTERNOON'S MEDIA FOLLOWS SAME LINE. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL REACTION SO FAR:

GOVERNMENT -- PRIMIN TOLD SENATE TONIGHT (FULL TEXT BEING WIRED) HE WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND AFTER SUMMARIZING WHAT PRESIDENT SAID STATED ITALY ALWAYS OPPOSED CREATION NEW BASES WHICH WOULD THREATEN WORLD PEACE. SAID GOI IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ITS ALLY IN BRINGING CASE TO UN AND US IN ITS POSITION WOULD HAVE FULL SUPPORT GOI. ADDED UNDERSED RUSSO FLYING TO HEAD ITALIAN DELEGATION UN. PRIMIN SAID FORMIN HAD MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT TO EEC MEETING BRUSSELS TODAY. (PRIMIN EXPECTED REPEAT STATEMENT CHAMBER DEPUTIES LATER TONIGHT.) HEAD PONDFF ON SECTION TOLD EMBOFF "CONGRATULATIONS THIS IS WHAT YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR FOR LONG TIME". NAVAL OFFS AT NAVY MIN MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO NAVAL ATTACHE.

COMMUNISTS -- PCI CALLED MEETINGS 6:30 PM TODAY TO DISCUSS WHAT "ACTION" TO TAKE. INFERENCE IS DEMONSTRATIONS LIKELY TOMORROW (CAS REPORTS POLICE PREDICT DEMONSTRATIONS BY PCI AND LEFT WING OF PSI ROME AND GENOA POSSIBLY OTHER CITIES, PERHAPS BEGINNING TONIGHT. SURVEY OF CONSULATES AND LEGS AROUND ITALY REVEALS NO RPT NO DEMONSTRATIONS SO FAR EXCEPT VAVA CUBA SIGN PAINTED ON USIS MILAN LAST NIGHT.)

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SIGNALISTS LE AUTONOMIST CLOSE TO LOMBARDI TOLD EMBOFF WHILE  
IN SITUATION WHERE PSI MAJORITY WOULD STAND IF CONFLICT OCCURS,  
AND MUST WISDOM GUARANTEE WHOSE REPERCUSSIONS UNFORESEEABLE.  
LE AUTONOMISTS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED CONTINUE TALKING THINGS  
WITH COMMUNISTS. WIDE SECTORS PUBLIC OPINION UNLIKELY  
BELIEVE US STATEMENTS OR EVEN US PRODUCED EVIDENCE ABOUT  
ALLIED WITH LE BASED CUBA. BUT SAID PSI WOULD NOT BE MOVED  
AWAY FROM PRESENT COLLABORATION WITH GOI BY THIS MATTER AND  
HAD TAKEN STEPS PREVENT LEFT WING PSI FROM QUESTIONING  
GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

LIBERALS LE VICE SEC. TOLD EMBOFF CUBAN ACTION "EXTREMELY  
DANGEROUS" BUT NO ALTERNATIVE FOR US FACED WITH NUCLEAR MISSILES  
AT ITS DISPOSAL. THOUGHT US ACTION MIGHT RAISE PROBLEMS FOR  
US RE ITS BASES OVERSEAS.

COMMENT: EXPERT FOR COMMUNISTS AND LEFT WING OF PSI AND  
RESERVATIONS PSI AUTONOMISTS INDICATED ABOVE ITALIAN OPINION  
APPEARS LARGELY FAVORABLE TO US SO FAR. MEDIA COMMENT LIMITED  
FIRST DAY BUT LIKELY BE MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE TOMORROW.

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